

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 957

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sue Sharp upon being named the Lewis County Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sue Sharp is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharp has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for Lewis County at the middle school level, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Sue Sharp is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sue Sharp earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and received a master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1987; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Mrs. Sharp has skillfully taught school for almost twenty-nine years and has been employed by Lewis County since 1988, where she currently serves as the librarian at Lewis County Middle School; and

WHEREAS, prior to her arrival in Lewis County, Sue Sharp began her professional career in her hometown of Milan at K.D. McKellar Elementary School, where she taught physical education for several years before accepting a position to teach first grade at McKenzie; and

WHEREAS, only working at McKenzie for one year, Mrs. Sharp relocated to Hohenwald with her family in 1988 and was employed by Lewis County to teach at Lewis County Elementary School, where she taught third, fifth, and sixth grades before being named to her current position at Lewis County Middle School; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her profession, Sue Sharp is a member of the Lewis County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she is a faithful member of First Baptist Church, where she ministers to the children there through Girls in Action, a mission organization, and assists with the children's Bible class; and

WHEREAS, Sue Sharp truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharp epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Sue Sharp on her selection as the Middle School Teacher of the Year for Lewis County, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.